

WINDY WALL OF WATER HITS GUTHRIE, OKLA.

Hundreds of Homes Destroyed and
Scores of Persons Drowned
in the Great Flood Wave.
DAMAGE PASSES \$1,000,000

It is Nothing Compared to the Suffering
of the Unfortunates Who Were
Whirled from Firesides.

TREES FAVORITE RESTING PLACES

It is Estimated That the Loss of Life
Will Reach at Least One Hun-
dred—Great Storm Strikes
El Reno and Does
Heavy Dam-
age.

Cuthrie, Okla., April 28.—For miles to-
night the Canadian valley is a dreary
waste.
At sunrise this morning a mighty wall
of water from six to eight feet high, and
a mile wide broke upon West Guthrie with-
out warning, crushing houses, sweeping
away property and drowning people by the
score.

Every movable thing was swept before
the wave, which passed on into the valley
with restless force, wreaking terrible
destruction to life and property wherever
it reached.

Dozens of human lives are known to have
been sacrificed; how many may not be
ascertained for weeks. Hundreds of houses
were wrecked; for miles farms were com-
pletely ruined, bridges and tracks were
washed out and railroad traffic in every
direction is at a standstill. The efforts of
rescue parties have in many cases proved
fruitless. Many people floated down stream
before they could be reached and their
fate is unknown; others will pass the night
in trees in midstream or perched on house
tops.

The property loss is placed at something
nearly \$1,000,000. Business has been suspended
all day in Guthrie. As thorough an organ-
ization for relief as is possible has been
made, but all aid has been necessarily re-
tarded by the confused condition of things.
It will be impossible to explore the houses
until the water subsides, as many of them
are known to have been carried down
stream. As darkness gathered many
overturned houses could be seen far out
into the flood, but it could not be learned
whether their occupants had escaped.

The river is thirty feet above its ordi-
nary level. A heavy rain began falling this
afternoon. A threatening bank of clouds
came up from the northeast and many
persons fled to their tornado cellars fear-
ing that another disaster was upon them.
Luckily, however, the damage was slight.
The Cottonwood river, a small stream
that winds between steep banks in West
Guthrie, was bank full from a heavy rain
yesterday and last night.

About 6 o'clock waters from a cloud-
burst above added to those already nearly
up to the level of the high banks and the
flood was sweeping through West Guthrie,
a section populated mostly by colored peo-
ple.

Water Came in Great Waves.
Persons who saw the first wall of water
said that it was about fifteen feet high,
spreading entirely across the valley. There
was no water in front of it save that in
the river's channels.

The first wave was followed by others
in quick succession, until the whole set-
tled into a bank of water from six to eight
feet high. Many had already begun car-
rying their household goods to places of
safety, but few had made more than one
trip when they were forced to flee for
their lives before a raging, resistless tor-
rent.

The main supply pipe of the waterworks
system burst where it crossed the Cotton-
wood in the southern part of the city and
the water in the reservoir poured into the
river. The houses and barns began to
drift down stream, each freighted with
one or more human beings; boats or rafts
shot out here and there from the shore
and desperate efforts were made to rescue
the people. Improvised rafts were quickly
thrown together and started out into the
flood. Before many of them had been
propelled a couple of yards from shore
they were twisted and broken by the
waters and the would-be rescuers thrown
into the stream. Half a dozen rescuers
were drowned, even before they had
reached the business manager of The Guthrie
Leader, and George Willis, a merchant
tailor, saved a babe in her arms
by which a number of persons were saved.

People Perished by Scores.
A negro woman with a babe in her arms
tried to steady herself in a tree top. She

grew weak and the baby slipped into the
water and was drowned. She was finally
rescued and said her family of six had
been lost.

A woman wading from home with her
baby on her head was seen to go under,
and a man swimming the child to reach
four women and a baby in a tree was
carried down stream. Two women and a
child were carried away on a bridge fur-
ther down stream, and a man and two
women, in plain sight of shore, were on
a house roof when it went to pieces. They
all perished.

An old negro woman was seen clinging
to a house top. The building was soon
turned over and she was drowned.
Three men, Walter Olds, John Vandusen
and Eugene Gill, sought to rescue an old
man from a tree. Their raft struck an
overhanging tree and they barely saved
themselves by clambering into another
tree. They were finally rescued on a rope
sent to them by means of a shot gun and
cord.

Two men secured a small stern-wheel
pleasure boat and started to the scene of
a half-dozen men and women lodged in a
tree. The persons were rescued amid the
cheers of the spectators. The cable hold-
ing the craft finally broke and it was car-



W. D. CHIPLEY, WHO WANTS TO BE SENATOR.
Florida Is Now in a Senatorial Muddle, and the Legislature Is Trying
to Elect a Successor to Call, Who Is the Leading Candidate.

ried down stream, but ultimately landed
safely.

John Metz, aged fifty-five, was capsize
while trying to save a woman, who sank
before he could be reached and their
fate is unknown; others will pass the night
in trees in midstream or perched on house
tops.

George Owens, Attorney Teague Ray and
Dick Pearson were precipitated into the
water while trying to save some people
and Owens was drowned.

The wife and five children of Wesley Mc-
Gill, colored, were drowned in their home.
Tonight forty or fifty people could be
seen clinging to trees and roofs of build-
ings, but could not be reached and will
have to spend the night where they are.
The strength of many may fail before
morning. The fact of many others who
are known to have been carried down
stream will not be known till daybreak,
and perhaps not then.

When the sun went down this evening
but two bodies had been recovered, those
of Anna Kaiser, a school teacher, and
Frank Mayer. Others known to have been
drowned are:

George Owens, J. H. Calhoun, wife and
child, Charley Ruffner and wife, Rastus Mc-
Gill, Lena Burke, Mrs. Watt Mrs. Wesley
McGill and five children, John Metz, Mrs.
H. J. Montgomery, Mrs. Dummis, Jim Lil-
ly, Mrs. Dumas, H. H. Becklin, Mrs.
Francis Moore, John Beard, Mrs. Sue Wil-
son, Jennie Taylor, Sammie Jackson and
George Smith.

It is believed that loss of life has
also occurred south of Guthrie, along the
Cottonwood river. Many farm houses in
that district are reported to have been
swept away. Seven miles south of here,
at Seward, Hunt's store and postoffice
were destroyed. Four thousand dollars was
raised in Guthrie this afternoon for the re-
lief of sufferers.

WIND, RAIN AND FLOOD ASSAIL

EL RENO, OKLA., THE CENTER OF
FEARFUL STORMS.

Nature Shook the Folds of Her Fury
and Sent Destruction on
the People.

El Reno, Okla., April 28.—For the first
time since the white man settled in the
Canadian valley, twenty-nine years ago,
this morning's sun set its rays over an
Oklahoma sea. The final storm and flood
came as a fitting climax to a week of un-
usually heavy rains and damaging floods.
A fierce storm Saturday tore out sewers
and moved small buildings. Saturday at
midnight a hurricane blowing forty-six
miles an hour drove blinding sheets of
water through the roofs of the poorly or
already damaged houses. People were driv-
en in terror by the storm cellars and
caves and spent the night in momentary
expectation of being borne away by storm
or flood.

Sunday dawned bright and clear, but yes-
terday noon another deluge descended. By
6 o'clock the rainfall amounted to over
five inches. A huge black cloud was ob-
served moving toward the city from the
west.

The cry "get under ground" arose on all
sides and the streets were soon filled with
running, shouting people seeking cave or
cellar. Stores and homes were deserted.

Situation in Florida Unchanged.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 28.—Balloting for
United States senator today resulted as
follows: Call 23, Chipley 24, Ransley 14, Hock-
er 2, Burford 3, scattering 2; total 60. No
change on second ballot.

DEBOE SUCCEEDS SEN. BLACKBURN

Republicans Succeed in Electing Their
Man as Senator.

END OF THE LONG STRUGGLE

Wild Scenes When the Vote Reached
the Safe Mark.

MOST GOLD DEMOCRATS VOTED FOR MARTIN

One or Two of Them Supported Deboe.
How the Election Affects the
United States Senate.

Frankfort, Ky., April 28.—Governor
Bradley has written out the certificates
of election for Hon. William J. Deboe, of

AFTER AN EX-STATE TREASURER

Charged with the Embezzlement of
Over \$200,000.

Omaha, Neb., April 28.—Sheriff McDonald
left at noon for Lincoln to arrest J. S. Bar-
ley, ex-state treasurer, on a charge of em-
bezzling \$200,000.

WILL SAIL FIRST WEEK IN MAY.

American Members of Proposed Bi-
metallic Conference.

Washington, April 28.—The members of
the proposed international bimetallic con-
ference recently appointed by the president
on behalf of the United States, expect to
sail from New York on the 8th of May.
They will go direct to London, but after a
brief stay will proceed to Paris.

RELIGION STOPS A MARRIAGE.

Catholic Groom and Protestant Bride
Could Not Agree.

Savannah, Ga., April 28.—(Special.)—Miss
Daisy Crosby and Mr. G. Seale were to
have been married tonight, but the Catho-
lic faith interfered and the wedding did
not come off.

Mr. Seale is a Catholic and Miss Crosby
a Methodist. He first agreed to be mar-
ried by a Protestant minister, but his peo-
ple persuaded him to refuse.

Then Miss Crosby refused to be married
by a priest, so the wedding has been post-
poned indefinitely.

Both are well known in Savannah.

SHOOTING AFFRAY IN ISABELLA.

J. H. Westberry Dangerously Wound-
ed by E. A. Nesbitt.

Isabella, Ga., April 28.—(Special.)—E. A.
Nesbitt shot and dangerously wounded J. H.
Westberry here this morning. The trouble
grew out of a business transaction between
Mr. Westberry and Mrs. Nesbitt. It is al-
leged by Mr. Nesbitt that Mr. Westberry
wrote his wife an insulting note about a
business matter and Mr. Westberry says
nothing in the note was insulting. Nesbitt
and Westberry met on the street this morn-
ing and engaged in a fight, during which
Nesbitt shot Westberry. Both belong to
prominent Georgia families. The chances
seem about even for Mr. Westberry's re-
covery.

HOWLAND LOSSES ARE HEAVY.

Total Indebtedness Over Two and a
Half Millions.

New Bedford, Mass., April 28.—The first
definite information of the losses of the
three Howland corporations with figures
as the basis was confirmed in a letter to
the creditors which has just been issued.

From this letter it appears that the to-
tal indebtedness will reach possibly \$2,500,-
000, although it may fall slightly below this
figure.

By the last certificate of the corporations,
filed December 24, 1896, the capital of the
Howland mills was \$1,000,000; of the Hotch
Spinning corporation \$700,000 and of the
New Bedford Manufacturing Company
\$800,000, giving a combined capital of \$2,500,-
000.

It thus appears as if the indebtedness
shall exceed this amount by \$500,000, as the
letter to creditors intimates, the total will
reach \$2,500,000.

GASKINS DIES BY STRYCHNINE.

He Had Been Married Only a Few
Days.

Douglas, Ga., April 28.—(Special.)—An as-
senger came in this morning hastily for
Mr. D. D. Gaskins, clerk of the superior
court, to go at once to Pickens, about
twenty miles distant, as his brother, E. L.
Gaskins, a young merchant at that
place, was dead as the result of taking,
yesterday evening, strychnine with suicidal
intent.

No details of this morning's tragedy have
yet reached here, but it is supposed that the terrible deed was the
result of temporary dementia brought on
by excessive drinking, to which Mr. Gas-
kins was unfortunately addicted. The fam-
ily of the young man is one of the largest
and most influential in the county and
his rash and violent act brings great ad-
miration to many.

The affair is rendered more dram-
atic in consequence of his marriage only a
few days ago under peculiar circum-
stances. He had been visiting for some
time a very pretty and interesting girl
scarcely fourteen years of age. The young
lady became attached to him and resolved
to marry him against the opposition of
her mother and friends, who were afraid
of the young man's habits. Eluding the
vigilance of guards, they got together
and were married. Since then they have
made their home with Mrs. Peterson, the
young lady's mother.

DELEGATES TO POSTAL CONGRESS

Incoming Steamers Are Bringing For-
eign Representatives.

Washington, April 28.—Captain Brooks,
the superintendent of the delegation to the
postal congress who come on the steamer
Lahn, due today. These delegates are
from Austria, Germany, Belgium and Swe-
den. On the Maestricht, due today, are ex-
pected delegates from Great Britain, Brit-
ish India, the British colonies of south
Africa from China and the south African
Republic. The Lucania, on Friday, will
bring more British delegates, and those
from Hungary and Bulgaria, while the La
Touraine, on Saturday, will bring the po-
stal representatives of France, the French
colonies and Saba Pasha, the Egyptian
delegate.

BROWNING LEAVES THE OFFICE.

Ex-Indian Commissioner Turns Over
Affairs to Successor.

Washington, April 28.—Commissioner of
Indian Affairs Daniel M. Browning has re-
linquished his office and has started for his
home in East St. Louis, Ill., where he has
formed a partnership with him, ex-Congress-
man Foran, now commissioner of inter-
nal revenue. Judge Browning has been
at the head of the Indian office for over
four years.

Mr. Jones, the new commissioner of In-
dian affairs, is acquainting himself with
the duties of the office and is ready to
take active charge upon confirmation.

LINN SAYS HE'S THE FIREBUG.

Implicates Several Others in the Burn-
ing of Portsmouth.

Norfolk, Va., April 28.—Frank Linn, one
of the five men under arrest charged with
having originated the fire at Portsmouth
in March last, has confessed, implicating
the men in custody.

PRESENTED ARMS WHILE HE SHAVED

Governor Atkinson Is Forced To Be
Intensely Military.

BAYONETS AT A BARBER SHOP

Armed Escort Attended Him While
the Razor Was at Work.

BRAVE AUGUSTANS THRUST HONORS ON HIM

Had the Governor Marching Backward
and Forward All Day with Great
Punctilio and Formality.

Augusta, Ga., April 28.—(Special.)—Milli-
tary day was a brilliant success and adds
another bright chapter in the history of

Sixth Georgia regiment, and officers of
the battalion; confederate survivors, Sacred
Heart cadets, Signal corps, Clinch Rifles,
Oglethorpe Infantry, German Guards,
Washington Rifles, of Sandersville; Irvin
Guards, of Washington; Burke Light In-
fantry, of Waynesboro; Richmond Hussars,
Edgefield, S. C. Hussars; Sweetwater, S.
C. Light Dragoons.

Broad street, with its mile of asphalt 175
feet wide makes an unrivaled street for a
military parade and the troops marched
and counter-marched for an hour or so,
while the sidewalks and windows all along
the street were filled with spectators.

Tonight at his residence, C. Henry
Cohen, Esq., dined the governor and staff
and there were more toasts and responses.
Governor Atkinson and staff returned to
Atlanta tonight. Bicycle races and parades
of decorated bicycles are the special fea-
ture tomorrow afternoon.

BANQUET TO SENATOR CLAY.

Citizens of Cobb County Happy To See
Their Fellow Citizen.

Marietta, Ga., April 28.—(Special.)—The
friends of Hon. A. S. Clay tendered him an
elegant banquet last evening at the hos-
pitable home of Mr. D. N. Anderson.
Mr. Clay came home from Washington

last Friday on a short business trip, and
the citizens of Marietta and Cobb county
were delighted to grasp his hand and wel-
come him home.

The banquet given in his honor was an
expression of the high esteem in which he is
held by the people of our community, and
was highly enjoyed by those present.

The banquet table was in the shape of a
horseshoe, with Mr. Clay at the seat of
honor.

Around him were the following gentle-
men: Professor E. L. Freyer, J. R. Winters,
M. G. Whitlock, W. S. Neal, J. L. Mc-
Cullum, J. Old Morris, R. W. Boone, J. H.
V. Reynolds, H. C. Dobb, J. R. Greer, D. W.
Blair, M. M. Sessions, J. M. Stone, C. E.
Harrison, George F. Newman, M. Brum-
by, D. N. Anderson, W. M. McKenize, T.
M. Brady, W. R. Montgomery, F. R. Rey-
nolds, J. T. Anderson, C. M. Crosby and
George I. Anderson.

Captain R. W. Boone was toastmaster.
All the responses were fine, but those of
Senator Clay and Mr. W. S. N. Neal, of
The Marietta Journal, deserve especial
mention.

Mrs. Anderson, the hostess, was assisted
by Mrs. George F. Newman, Mrs. C. M.
Crosby, Mrs. Malcomb, Miss Winters and
Miss Campbell.

Mr. Clay leaves tonight for Washington.

EXPULSION FROM THE EXCHANGE.

Charles Neukirch Charged with Fraud
Was Expelled by the Governors.

New York, April 28.—The governors of the
stock exchange today expelled Charles Neu-
kirch, a member of the exchange, on
charges of fraud. Neukirch is a member
of the firm of Theodore W. Meyers & Co.,
of which former City Comptroller Meyers
was for some years the head.

The ex-comptroller, it is said, disposed
of his interests in the firm for a stipulated
sum about three years ago. The other
partner in the firm of Meyers & Co. is
E. H. Meyers, a nephew of Theodore W.
Meyers. Neukirch was the exchange mem-
ber of the firm, and recently charges of
collusion with the notorious E. S. Dean
Company were preferred against them.

At the last meeting of the governors the
charges were formally received and since
then a rigid investigation has been made.
Neukirch appeared before the governors
at today's meeting, and so far as could be
ascertained, made a general denial of the
charges of fraud, saying that the acts with
which he was charged were only "transfers
of accounts."

The vote to expel Neukirch was unani-
mous.

FARMER TRIES TO TAKE HIS LIFE

Was Drunk and Attempted To Swal-
low Morphine.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 28.—(Special.)—
John Smith, a farmer from Georgia, near
Troy, was in the city today after get-
ting on a pretty lively jag, bought a
bottle of morphine, which he tried to
swallow. He was prevented by a bystander
and sent to the city lock-up. He an-
nounced that he wanted to die, "because
of family trouble."

He was released this afternoon when he
had sobered up.

GIVING THE NEW LINE TROUBLE

Effort To Prevent Ohio River and
Charleston from Entering Gaffney.

Columbia, S. C., April 28.—(Special.)—
There is a little railroad war at Gaffney,
York county. The Ohio River and Char-
leston is building a spur to that town from
Shadesburg. Gaffney is on the Atlanta
and Charlotte Air-Line. Last night the
town was invaded by a large force of
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FRANCE TAKES A HAND IN THE GRECIAN WAR

M. Hanotaux Suggests to Turk-
ish Ambassador That the Sul-
tan Offer Greece Peace.

MUST KEEP BACK THE TROOPS

Or the French Government Will Come
Forward as a Defender of the
Christian Cause.

CRISIS STILL CONTINUES IN GREECE

Everything Will Remain Unchanged
Until the Ministerial Changes
Are All Disposed Of—Ed-
hem Pasha Is Now on
His Way To Oc-
cupy Volo.

LONDON, April 28.—A dispatch to The
Daily Mail from Paris says that M. Hano-
taux, the French foreign minister, had a
five hours' interview today with the Turk-
ish ambassador.

It is understood that the subject under
discussion was the terms upon which the
powers are to base their intervention be-
tween Greece and Turkey.

The Daily News' correspondent at Paris
says that M. Hanotaux in the course of
the conference urged the Turkish am-
bassador to advise the sultan to hold out
the olive branch to Greece, adding that if
Turkish troops went further France would
be compelled to come forward as the de-
fender of the Christian cause.

No Quorum Was Present.

ATHENS, April 28.—Midnight—The legis-
lative assembly met again this evening,
ninety-five deputies being present.

As a senate quorum is 104, another ad-
journment was necessary. The adjourn-
ment was followed by considerable excite-
ment and cries of disapproval from the
galleries. The scene was swayed with the
greatest anxiety.

A dense crowd gathered in the vicinity
of the chamber to get the first news of
such action as might be taken. There was,
however, no disorder. Many of the min-
isterial deputies declare that they will
vote against the government on the ques-
tion of the conference late last night. It
was rumored that the Greeks are still fight-
ing in front of Pentapolea.

The opposition leaders issued an address
to the public this morning asking that
order be maintained.

It had a calming effect upon the

MORRORS OF THE GREEK DEFEAT

Was a Rout Instead of a Retreat from Mali.

WILD FROM FEAR OF TURKS

Terrible Scenes on the Road to Pharsalia Last Saturday.

GREEKS FAIRLY LOST THEIR WITS

Efforts To Check Them Were Useless. The Cry of "The Turks Are on Us" Would Cause a Panic. Indescribable Confusion on the Way.

ATHENS, April 28.—The retreat of the Greeks after the battle of Mali developed into a rout before many miles had been covered. The Larissa correspondent of the Associated Press, who was with the retreating troops, has arrived here and his story of the flight is full of interest. "While soldiers, villagers, women and children were marching along, all hopelessly mixed up, and the soldiers anathematizing their officers, a dozen horsemen and as many ridersless horses appeared. The cry went up: 'The Turks are upon us,' and the stampede began. The frightened soldiers and villagers commenced to fire in every direction and the terror of the animals added to the confusion. The correspondent, who narrowly escaped being shot by an irregular, says the mad firing was kept up for half an hour. Men, women and children were killed and the scene was terrible. The way was strewn with ammunition boxes, broken carts and furniture, the bodies of soldiers, women and children. The latter rattled under the horses' feet, blankets became entangled in the hooves and the horses, frantic with alarm, galloped about among the flying crowds, many of them riderless and deserted.

"Guns and ammunition wagons and carts added to the obstruction. Their traces had been cut in order to enable the drivers to mount the horses attached to them and seek safety in flight.

No Attention Paid to Orders.

"There were many struggles between the fugitives for the possession of the horses. In this manner the frightened crowd struggled for several miles, presenting a most wild picture of disaster and fear. Some of the Greek officers, it is true, did their duty. They ordered the buglers and trumpeters to sound 'cease firing' and rode about calling upon the fleeing soldiers to halt. But others of the Greeks lost their heads and pushed onward as terrified soldiers. One brave officer, presenting a revolver at them and shouting: 'Stop, stop!' but he might as well have called upon a whirlwind to stay in its course.

"General Mavromichalis, who had evidently reached Larissa some time before, rode back some distance in order to arrest the stampede. Two miles from the Larissa road is situated an embankment, where the general succeeded in inducing half a company of foot-sore soldiers to fall in, but thousands continued the pell-mell flight.

Confusion in Larissa.

"In the streets of Larissa there was indescribable confusion. Troops of all arms were mixed together and threw themselves down in utter exhaustion, heedless of the calls of the trumpets and bugles urging them to fall in. The inhabitants, rushing about the streets, intensified the confusion. The mere mention of the Turks was enough to create a frenzied rush. "When the moon rose and the neighborhood of the town became calm and some distinct matters became calm and at dawn the excitement had been reduced to a restless movement from street to street and an anxious discussion of the future.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Put a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand two to four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine flows from it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate, pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kline's Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in liquor, or bad effects following use of unwholesome liquors, or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity heretofore compelled men to get up many times during the night. The mild and extraordinary effects of Swamp Root is soon realized. It is the most distressing cases. If you have a medicine you should have the best. Swamp Root is sold by all druggists. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet sent free by mail. Mention The Atlanta Daily Constitution and send your address to Dr. Kline & Co., Birmingham, N.Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.



OSMAN PASHA.

He was appointed to succeed Edhem Pasha and while he was on his way to relieve the latter, Edhem Pasha won two notable victories in quick succession—at Mali and at Larissa, the result of his brave and brilliant tactics.

MUSHIR EDEM PASHA.

Until Friday he was in command of the Ottoman army, but on account of the Turkish reverses he was superseded by Osman Pasha. Later he won battles that brought him into instant favor and gave him new and higher decorations.

THEY DISCUSSED ALABAMA AFFAIRS

Meeting of the Commercial and Industrial Association at Huntsville.

WANT EXHIBIT AT NASHVILLE

Committee Appointed To Assist in Collecting It.

FAVOR HOLDING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Business Organizations Will Be Asked To Urge the Importance of the Convention.

Huntsville, Ala., April 28.—(Special).—The annual meeting of the Alabama Commercial and Industrial Association was held in this city today, presided over by President H. L. McKee, of Selma. The attendance was small, but the business transacted was of the most important nature. The morning session was called to order at 10 o'clock.

The chairman of the constitutional convention committee, Mr. McKee, made a report of work done during the past year. He reported that it had been apparently fruitless, but that a strong public sentiment had been aroused in favor of having a constitutional convention called. The committee urged that every business organization of the state set to work and compel the next general assembly to call a convention.

In the matter of a Centennial exhibit for the state, much discussion was indulged in, and Commissioner of Agriculture Culver was severely criticized for his conduct of the affair. The association adopted nine men, one from each congressional district, to assist the commissioner in collecting the exhibit. The governor will be requested to approve of this measure.

A hearty endorsement was given the act of the last legislature exempting new industries from taxation for a period of ten years. At the conclusion of the morning session the delegates were given a drive through the city and suburbs.

At the night session a resolution was passed unanimously favoring the establishment of a bureau of immigration for Alabama. A resolution was adopted memorializing congress to appropriate a sufficient sum to complete the work now in progress on Colbert shoals. This, if done, will make the Tennessee river at that place navigable all the year round. Officers were elected as follows:

H. L. McKee, president; E. L. Russell, vice president first district; J. D. Roquemore, second vice president; S. H. Dent, third vice president; T. G. Bush, fourth vice president; Peter A. Brice, fifth vice president; A. R. McKee, sixth vice president; R. A. Mitchell, seventh vice president; R. E. Pettus, eighth vice president; Frank Y. Anderson, ninth vice president; W. J. Bowles, Birmingham, secretary and treasurer. The delegates returned home tonight.

Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE ENDS

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES AND PAPERS WERE HEARD.

Executive Committee Was Named and 8,250 Subscriptions Were Received for Publications.

Selma, Ala., April 28.—(Special).—The second day of the International conference Young Men's Christian Association general secretaries was one of hard work. State Secretary J. E. Brown, of Illinois, presided. "The Brain Worker" was presented in a paper by State Secretary E. E. Stacy, of Indiana.

Railroad Secretary M. W. Collinder, of Pittsburgh, Pa., spoke. Luther D. Wishard, foreign secretary of the international committee, spoke for the foreign work. Mr. John R. Mort then gave the second of his talks on prayer. His subject was "The Secret Prayer Life."

The executive committee for the ensuing term was selected as follows: C. B. Willis, Milwaukee, secretary; J. E. Brown, of Illinois, treasurer; C. R. Sayer, London, Ont.; C. C. Mechner, New York; H. H. Wikie, Indianapolis; C. S. Ward, Minneapolis; C. H. Moorman, Chicago.

The rules were amended providing for biennial sessions, alternating with the international conference. The Secretaries Insurance Alliance held a business meeting during the noon hour. Frank N. Pratt, general secretary of the Toronto association, read a paper on "The Spiritual Energy of the Association." E. S. McFadden, of Nashville, led a discussion on the junior department, and Mr. F. S. Brockman then made an address for the

association's Chicago publication, entitled "Men," and in fifteen minutes 329 subscriptions were received. It is thought this will be raised to ten thousand before the conference closes.

The conference then divided itself into sectional conferences: Educational, railroad and physical. Tonight a big open meeting was held in the First Presbyterian church. The conference will adjourn at noon tomorrow.

A great crowd collected about the place and 200 or 300 bicycle riders came up and dismounted from their wheels. The woman was taken from under the car and placed on a high grassy knoll on a lot near where the accident had occurred. A white cloth was thrown over the body to await the coroner's instructions. The reserve force at the police station was notified and hastened to the scene.

Crowds of negroes collected at the place and surrounded the dead woman as she lay there under the glare of the electric lights. Others struck matches to inspect the pools of blood which lay along the track. Ladies and gentlemen walking out Peachtree would stop and inquire why the crowd had gathered about the spot and when told they would glance at the white cloth and pools of blood and shudder as they hurried away.

After some delay word was received from the coroner to have the body removed to the undertaking establishment of Lee, the negro funeral director. The inquest will be held tomorrow.

What the Motorman Says. In the meantime the motorman who was in charge of the trolley car when the accident occurred had gone to the police station to report the matter and he was held and will be kept in custody until the coroner's inquest is over.

The car was No. 14 and was in charge of Conductor D. B. Brown and Motorman J. J. Dorsett.

At the police station Dorsett gave the following account of the tragedy: "I was on schedule time and was going out Peachtree at the usual speed and not very fast when I suddenly saw a woman fall off her bicycle and onto the front of the trolley car. I immediately put on the brake, there being no one coming as we were going down grade, and I stopped the car as quickly as possible. God knows I did not want to hurt anybody and I wasn't to blame."

"How fast were you running?" he was asked.

"I cannot say exactly, but as we have orders not to go down that grade rapidly we were not making fast time. We make from the corner of Broad and Marietta streets to the exposition grounds in twenty minutes."

Dorsett stated that he did not hear the woman make any outcry after she was struck. He saw the riders approaching before the accident occurred, but did not think either of them would get in the way. The woman fell over toward the car unexpectedly.

Dorsett was placed in the detention room and not in the prison proper, where he will be watched by a special guard. He was somewhat excited and seemed to greatly regret the accident.

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"I was out riding with Lella Carlton and when we were near the junction of Peachtree and Ivy streets she tried to catch her hat and in some way seemed to lose control of her wheel. She couldn't ride very well. I was on the outside and I saw her suddenly fall over toward the car. I think she was dragged about fifty feet, and if the car had been stopped sooner she would not have been killed. I looked at the car and kept wondering why they didn't stop it. I tell you, mister, that car was going awful fast down that hill. The negro was terribly excited and could hardly talk.

A Weird Scene. A hack had been sent to the home of the girl's parents in West End and one of her sisters arrived about an hour after the accident occurred. In the crowd about the car that lay under the trolley car there suddenly arose a plaintive wail which was caught up by the other negro women present and a sort of mournful dirge floated out on the night air. It made a weird scene.

The unfortunate woman was eighteen years of age and had been a trusted and faithful servant in the capacity of housemaid. She was the daughter of Carlton, who lives at Mechanicville, and who is an educated and highly respected negro.

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BICYCLIST KILLED BY A TROLLEY CAR

Tragedy on Peachtree Street Last Night at 9:40 O'Clock.

NEGRO CRUSHED TO DEATH

She Was Riding a Wheel and Lost Control of the Handle Bars.

TWO ACCOUNTS OF THE ACCIDENT

A Weird Scene After the Tragedy Occurred—The Coroner Notified and Will Hold Inquest.

Last night at 9:40 o'clock Lella Belle Carlton, a colored girl, was run over by a trolley car on Peachtree street while she was riding a bicycle and was instantly killed.

A few minutes before the tragedy John Holliday, a negro man who is employed by the Elkin-Watson Drug Company, went on a bicycle to the residence where the girl was employed and asked her to ride with him. She consented to do so and the two started down Peachtree toward the city. They were riding side by side, the man next to the sidewalk and the girl nearest the street car tracks. They were talking about a church fair as they rode by Forrest avenue. They were still discussing the matter when they neared the junction of Ivy and Peachtree streets.

Swinging around the curve where Peachtree leaves West Peachtree a trolley car came in sight going toward Piedmont park. When the two bicycle riders were close to the car the girl's hat came off and she released one of the handle bars to catch it. In doing this she lost control of her wheel and it began to sway from side to side. The approaching car seemed to excite her and just as she came to it she suddenly lost her balance and fell toward the car while the wheel was pushed in the other direction.

In a few seconds it was all over and the woman's lifeless and mangled body lay under the car. She had clung to the car for a moment or two and then she was dragged under the wheels and crushed to death.

About the Scene of the Tragedy.

A great crowd collected about the place and 200 or 300 bicycle riders came up and dismounted from their wheels. The woman was taken from under the car and placed on a high grassy knoll on a lot near where the accident had occurred. A white cloth was thrown over the body to await the coroner's instructions. The reserve force at the police station was notified and hastened to the scene.

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FOR THE THIRD TIME

The Alabama Supreme Court Has a Case Before It.

THE CHECK HAD BEEN RAISED

Was Paid on Being Indorsed by the Defendant in the Suit—Decisions of the Supreme Court.

Montgomery, Ala., April 28.—(Special).—In the supreme court yesterday the celebrated case of the Birmingham National bank vs. John G. Bradley was argued and submitted for the third time in this court. The contention of the suit is upon the liability of Bradley as indorser on a forged check, which it had been raised from \$2 to \$4,000. The case is attracting much interest among the legal fraternity.

The following decisions were handed down: Brickell, C. J.—Steiner Brothers v. First National bank, appeal from Birmingham city court; motion to dismiss appeal overruled and judgment reversed and cause remanded.

McClellan, J.—Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company v. Cioero Woods, appeal from Morgan circuit court; reversed and remanded.

J. J. Watson, et al. v. J. J. Herring, appeal from Dale circuit court; reversed and remanded.

Charles Henderson, surviving partner, v. F. M. Prestwood, appeal from Coffee circuit court; affirmed.

Coleman, J.—Wilkinson Banks & Co. v. Samuel M. Butler, appeal from Lawrence chancery court; modified and affirmed.

A. J. Williams v. L. Hendricks, appeal from Pike circuit court; reversed and remanded.

Head, J.—John F. Scott v. S. P. Ryan, et al., appeal from Morgan circuit court; affirmed.

Amanda Barksdale, et al. v. Emma Davis, et al., appeal from Montgomery city court; affirmed.

Haralson, J.—S. H. Burgess v. American Mortgage Company of Scotland, Inc., appeal from Pike circuit court; affirmed.

J. P. Altgood v. Bank of Piedmont, appeal from Calhoun chancery court; affirmed.

In the supreme court yesterday a case of great importance was submitted for the second time in this court. It was the case of A. K. Shepherd v. the Louisville and Nashville railroad, involving \$15,000.

Shepherd sued the company for breach of contract in not allowing him commissions on sale of certain lands belonging to the company. The city court had awarded him \$15,000 and the road appealed.

At an adjourned meeting of representatives of the miners in the employ of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company held here today the question of accepting a reduction of wages for coal mining was voted down.

Pratt City voted eighteen for a reduction of 2 1/2 cents per ton. Blocton voted fourteen against the proposition and was assisted by West Pratt with four and Blue Creek with nine. A committee was appointed to investigate the sub-contract system at Pratt City, by which the miners claim the company has broken faith. The miners will hold further meetings tomorrow. The mining camps seem to be backing up the delegates and at present it looks as if the request of the company for a reduction or change of contract between company and miners now existing will not be acquiesced in. The result of the meeting is significant.

Sub-contractors at Pratt City are being requested to give up contracts and are far tonight one has been heard to have refused.

CHARGED WITH WIFE MURDER. Fairburn, Ga., April 28.—(Special).—Andrew Green, a negro living near this place, was given a preliminary trial yesterday before Justice A. J. Luck, charged with murdering his wife, and in default of bond was sent to jail. The evidence against the prisoner is purely circumstantial and he may be innocent. On the other hand, he may be guilty. The case is attracting much interest among the legal fraternity.

Several days ago several parties heard the negro woman screaming and ran to her assistance. It is said he had drawn his knife and threatened to kill her, accusing her of being in connection with another man near his home. The prisoner has admitted to some ravine near the home where her children are crying for her return.

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CHATTANOOGA GETS HOSPITAL. Differences Between City and County Have Been Settled.

Chattanooga, April 28.—(Special).—The Chattanooga city and county today, after the sale of the Barones Erlanger hospital in this city at once, which means that the city and county will now have a hospital, something that has been needed for a long time, there being nothing of the sort here except a private infirmary conducted by the Erlanger hospital scheme has been on foot for a number of years, the walls of the very handsome buildings having been completed when complications between the city and county put a stop to the work. These differences between the city and county finally resulted in a suit in chancery for the purpose of settling the rights of the two parties.

The city will buy the property and complete the buildings at once, appropriating sufficient funds to keep the institution going until it shall have been placed on a paying footing. Fifteen hundred dollars has already been expended on the buildings. The city will spend \$20,000 to complete them.

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Receiver's Sale.

APRIL 29TH.

GEORGIA FULTON COUNTY—Bimberthal & Bickart et al, vs Hotel Araga, et al. Sheriff, Fulton County, Georgia Superior Court. In pursuance of a writ of execution, returnable on the 29th inst. made in the above entitled cause, we will sell at public sale, at 11 o'clock, on the 29th inst. at 6 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, May 4th, all the personal property and other assets belonging to said defendant and now in the possession of the said defendant.

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And all other property or assets belonging to and held by the said Hotel Aragon Co. of whatever kind and description:

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This April 22, 1897.

FRANK J. BELL
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Receivers Hotel Aragon.

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